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1. LOCAL PRESS MAY 26 CONTAINED FOLLOWING ITEMS OF POL/MIL
INTEREST:

2. CORRESPONDENT CUNEYT ARCA YUREK REPORTS IN POPULAR
DAILY "HURRIYET" FROM BRUSSELS THAT PRIME MINISTER
ECEVIT HAS TOLD NATO OFFICIALS THAT TURKISH CONTRIBUTIONS

TO NATO WILL DECREASE IN FUTURE. ARCA YUREK THEN SPECULATES THAT TURKEY WILL BOTH REDUCE NUMBER OF ARMY DIVISIONS COMMITTED TO NATO AND TOTAL NUMBER OF DIVISIONS OVERALL IN CONSONANCE WITH THE "NEW DEFENSE CONCEPT." ARCA YUREK ALSO SPECULATES THAT INCIRLIK AIR BASE MAY BE CLOSED, ALTHOUGH "TURKEY SO FAR HAS NOT TOUCHED INCIRLIK ON GROUNDS THAT IT IS A NATO AND NOT AN AMERICAN BASE." THIS REPORT CONCLUDES THAT TURKEY WILL RESIST PRESSURES BY NATO SEC-GEN LUNS AND OTHERS TO WITHDRAW ITS RESERVATIONS ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM.

3. "HURRIYET" MAY 26 ALSO CARRIES REPORT THAT TURKEY WILL SEEK A DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH LIBYA IN LINE WITH THE GOT'S "NEW DEFENSE CONCEPT." REPORT NOTES THAT LIBYA HAS SURPLUS FRENCH, ITALIAN AND SOVIET WEAPONS AND THAT, RATHER THAN OBTAIN ARMS DIRECTLY FROM THE USSR, THE GOT WOULD MAKE ARMS PURCHASES THROUGH LIBYA. "HURRIYET" ALSO SAYS THAT, IF ANY AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED WITH LIBYA, TURKISH OFFICERS WILL TRAIN THE LIBYAN ARMY, AND LIBYAN OFFICERS WILL BE SENT TO TURKEY. JOINT DEFENSE INDUSTRIES WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO "HURRIYET." FINALLY, "HURRIYET" SPECULATES THAT ECEVIT MAY VISIT TRIPOLI BEFORE HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW IN MID-JUNE, ALSO THAT KADAFY WILL VISIT TURKEY.

4. CONSERVATIVE DAILY "TERCUMAN" MAY 26 SAYS THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOT WILL OBTAIN SOME OF THE TURKISH AIR FORCE'S "URGENT REQUIREMENTS" FROM SWEDEN AND WILL TRAIN JET PILOTS THERE. ACCORDING TO "TERCUMAN", SWEDISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS (PRESUMABLY IN ANKARA) HAVE CONFIRMED THAT SWEDEN AND TURKE INTEND TO COOPERATE IN THE MILITARY FILED, BUT THERE WAS "NO QUESTION" OF TURKEY PURCHASING AIRCRAFT FROM SWEDEN.

5. FINALLY, SENSATIONALIST "GUNAYDIN" REPORTS THAT, "FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TURKISH HISTORY", IRAQI AIR FORCE MIG-17 JETS HAVE REFUELED AT TURKISH AIRFIELDS ENROUTE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO IRAQ. "GUNAYDIN" SAYS THAT THE IRAQI AIRCRAFT FLEW FROM ISTANBUL TO ANKARA ON MAY 25. SPIERS

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